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Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 11:57 AM

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Cc: Olson, Alexandra; Blanco, Arturo; Smith, Rhonda

Subject: RE: Emergency Response of Alabama-Coushatta and Coushatta

Hello Harold, Stephen and David,

Harold shared information with us on tribal preparations for Harvey. Our office is also contacting tribal partners that might be affected by Harvey and we will share what we hear to you.

Randy

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Harold-here is what we heard from Coushatta.

Randy

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Alabama-Coushatta

Left voicemails with Jenna Battise (environmental specialist) and Willo Sylestine (emergency management coordinator).

Coushatta

- Coushatta had an inter-department meeting yesterday led by the police chief.
- They have a comprehensive emergency response plan in place.
- Their largest concern is the safety of people, especially elderly people including a couple on dialysis.
- They have a plan to evacuate vulnerable persons, and a planned threshold of when to evacuate persons who are less vulnerable.
- Very concerned about the flooding of gaming machines at the casino because of the economic impact it would have.

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